

# COMMODITY SOURCING



## Solution overview

Our Commodity Sourcing team helps organisations with IT product sourcing in a simple and cost-effective way. We have an extensive and up-to-date list of over 300,000 products and can source any product available on the market, giving organisations the flexibility and choice they demand. We also offer an intuitive online procurement platform, eCAT, which ensures organisations can access the technologies they need. eCAT integrates directly into most existing financial and procurement systems, enabling organisations to efficiently source and purchase IT commodities at the best available price with full transparency of the supply chain.

## Why Softcat for Commodity sourcing?

We offer dedicated support for a range of products from top manufacturers, a bespoke online platform that provides comprehensive reporting, and make it easy for customers to gain control over their IT purchasing requirements.



Dedicated Support



Finance Integration



1800+ customers



Comprehensive Reporting



300,000+ Products

## Commodity sourcing services



### Finance System Integration

Softcat's e-procurement platform, eCAT, integrates into many existing financial and procurement systems to support and optimise your organisation's IT investment and facilitate ease-of-use.

We review current purchasing processes for complete IT product management, we'll then configure the eCAT platform to support existing process flows, allowing organisations to benefit from using the platform without retraining staff or upgrading legacy systems.



### Software Licensing Management

Managing software via the eCAT platform ensures continuous compliance as the comprehensive reporting facility provides precise data on purchase, cost and license renewals.

As a major Microsoft Gold Partner and a full Microsoft Solutions Partner, we manage complete Office 365 requirements via the e-procurement platform, giving a unified view of new user accounts and changes to license volumes.



### eCAT

eCAT provides a free, streamlined and fully integrated website-based purchase management system that reduces costs and increases control, while optimising order processing and supplier management.

Managing purchases and payments shouldn't hinder an organisation's performance. With eCat, users benefit from a customisable interface with instant access to over 300,000 software and hardware product lines, each detailed with specification, documentation, availability, and customer-specific pricing. eCAT merges seamlessly with many finance and procurement systems and can generate customised reports and schedules, while giving management total and tailored control over user access and ordering rights at an individual level.



### Procurement Process Management

Our online procurement platform, eCAT, offers a seamless entry point to additional Softcat products and services by providing transparent end-to-end management of the procurement process.

Manage internal approvals, purchase order reference capture or upload, and order transparency through a single interface.



### Product Standardisation

Our ability to source any product available on the market gives organisations flexibility and choice, and we can tailor the eCAT platform to precise organisational needs at a user level.

Organisations can control what their end users view and buy, standardising products, software and services while continuing to support specific end user requirements.

## A selection of partners we work with



## Recent Awards

<p><b>LENOVO</b> WEP Partner of the Year - 2018</p>	<p><b>DELL EMC</b> Client Partner of the Year - 2017</p>	<p><b>SMART TECHNOLOGIES</b> Most Innovative Deployment - 2016</p>
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